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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *07 April 2009*.

2a)☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☐ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *19,20 and 22-35* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *19,20 and 22-35* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
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6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Remarks

1. This Office action is considered fully responsive to the amendment filed 4/7/09.

2. The objections to the claims have been withdrawn because they have been amended accordingly.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to pending claims 19-20, 22-35 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 32 is objected to because of the following informalities: "Description of source" should be "a description of source", also, "Descriptors" and "Packet" do not need to be capitalized. Appropriate correction is required.

5. Claim 34 is objected to because of the following informalities: "the parameters of the length" should be "the parameter of the length". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. **Claims 19-20, 22, 25, 27-28, 31-33** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0227871 A1 to *Hsu et al. ("Hsu")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,790 B1 to *Wu et al.* (**"*Wu*"**).

As to **claim 19**, *Hsu* discloses a method, in a packet switched telecommunications network having a plurality of nodes, for providing resource reservation between a reservation initiator and a reservation receiver of an ON-OFF like traffic (figs. 1-2), comprising the steps of:

defining an object including descriptors of the desired Quality of Service (QoS) (para. 0019, para. 0035, i.e. flowspec), packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope (para. 0036, Tspec is a parameter that describes data flow), and sub-object of description of source statistics for a call admission control (para. 0024, RSVP QoS request analyzed by admission control, para. 0037, filter spec (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control) wherein said source statistics include distribution type and parameters of the distributions associated with said ON-OFF traffic (para. 0037, filter spec, (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address (i.e. address pertaining to a protocol type, IP, (info about type) and the sender's address is a parameter of the distribution of traffic since it is where data is sourced from) and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control);

initializing reservation for a flow of transmission of the ON-OFF like traffic in the reservation initiator (fig. 2, para. 0045, receiver initiates reservation request);

reserving resources in the nodes along the flow of transmission with the use of said object (fig. 2, para. 0017, RSVP results in resources being reserved in each node along the data path, para. 0046, using RSVP RESV messages);

receiving reservation message in the reservation receiver (fig. 2, para. 0046, RESV received by senders);

and, sending back an acknowledgement to the reservation initiator (fig. 2, para. 0045, requests are acknowledged by confirmation message).

Hsu does not expressly disclose wherein said traffic envelope represents the upper bound of said ON-OFF traffic.

Wu discloses an upper bound can be derived from the traffic envelope in a QoS system of traffic flows (col. 2, lines 1-15).

Hsu and *Wu* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the upper bound of the traffic envelope as taught by Wu into the invention of Hsu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to approximate the distribution of the traffic flow (Wu, col. 2, lines 1-15).

As to claim 20, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the method of claim 19, wherein the call admission control uses the description of source statistics in each node along the flow of transmission (Hsu, para. 0024, RSVP QoS request analyzed by admission

control, para. 0037, filter spec (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control). In addition, the same suggestion/motivation of claim 19 applies.

As to claim 22, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the method of claim 19, wherein the distribution type includes a length of the ON and/or OFF periods and wherein the distribution type of the length of the ON and/or OFF periods are exponential (Wu, col. 4, lines 42-54, interval has length of "t" which defines v(t), and v(t) is used to express a truncated exponential distribution). In addition, the suggestion/motivation would be to determine the maximum-entropy distribution for the flow (Wu, col. 4, lines 42-54).

As to claim 25, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the method of claim 19, wherein said packet switched telecommunications network is an IP based network (Hsu, para. 0018, IP protocol). In addition, the same suggestion/motivation of claim 19 applies.

As to claim 27, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the method of claim 19, wherein the call admission control uses said description of source statistics in edge nodes of a resource domain along the flow of transmission (Hsu, fig. 2, para. 0024, RSVP QoS request analyzed by admission control, para. 0037, filter spec (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node (i.e. intermediate nodes adjacent to the sender and receiver are taken as edge nodes, resource domain can be taken to be the entire pathway from sender to receiver) the RSVP process passes the request to admission control). In addition, the same suggestion/motivation of claim 19 applies.

As to **claim 28**, *Hsu* discloses a system for providing resource reservation in a packet switched network including a reservation initiator (RI), a reservation receiver (RR) and a plurality of nodes linked together by transmission channels, in which system the resource reservation of an ON-OFF like traffic is implemented (figs. 1-2) and wherein at least a part of the plurality of nodes comprise:

means for processing descriptors of the desired QoS (fig. 4, showing processors, para. 0019, para. 0035, i.e. flowspec);

means for processing packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope (fig. 4, showing processors, para. 0036, Tspec is a parameter that describes data flow);

and, means for processing description of source statistics (fig. 4, showing processors, para. 0024, RSVP QoS request analyzed by admission control, para. 0037, filter spec (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control) wherein said source statistics include distribution type and parameters of the distributions associated with said ON-OFF traffic (para. 0037, filter spec, (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address (i.e. address pertaining to a protocol type, IP, (info about type) and the sender's address is a parameter of the distribution of traffic since it is where data is sourced from) and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control).

Hsu does not expressly disclose wherein said traffic envelope represents the upper bound of said ON-OFF traffic.

Wu discloses an upper bound can be derived from the traffic envelope in a QoS system of traffic flows (col. 2, lines 1-15).

Hsu and *Wu* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the upper bound of the traffic envelope as taught by Wu into the invention of Hsu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to approximate the distribution of the traffic flow (Wu, col. 2, lines 1-15).

As to claim 31, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the system of claim 28, wherein the nodes are IP routers of an IP network (Hsu, para. 0018, IP protocol, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes (i.e. routing) the request to admission control). In addition, the same suggestion/motivation of claim 28 applies.

As to **claim 32**, *Hsu* discloses a node in a packet switched telecommunication network wherein said node is associated with a resource reservation of an ON-OFF like traffic in said telecommunication network (figs. 1-2), said node comprising sub-objects of

Descriptors of the desired QoS (fig. 4, showing processors and objects that configure descriptors, para. 0019, para. 0035, i.e. flowspec);

Packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope (fig. 4, showing processors and objects that configure parameters, para. 0036, Tspec is a parameter that describes data flow); and

Description of source statistics (fig. 4, showing processors and objects that configure source statistics, para. 0024, RSVP QoS request analyzed by admission control, para. 0037, filter spec (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control) including distribution type and parameters of the distribution associated with said ON-OFF traffic (para. 0037, filter spec, (part of RSVP reservation request, para. 0035) contains sender IP address (i.e. address pertaining to a protocol type, IP, (info about type) and the sender's address is a parameter of the distribution of traffic since it is where data is sourced from) and generalized source port, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control).

Hsu does not expressly disclose the traffic envelope representing the upper bound of said ON-OFF traffic.

Wu discloses an upper bound can be derived from the traffic envelope in a QoS system of traffic flows (col. 2, lines 1-15).

Hsu and *Wu* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the upper bound of the traffic envelope as taught by Wu into the

invention of Hsu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to approximate the distribution of the traffic flow (Wu, col. 2, lines 1-15).

As to claim 33, *Hsu and Wu* further disclose the node of Claim 32 wherein the distribution type includes a length of the ON and/or OFF periods and wherein the distribution type of the length of said ON and/or OFF periods is exponential (Wu, col. 4, lines 42-54, interval has length of "t" which defines v(t), and v(t) is used to express a truncated exponential distribution). In addition, the suggestion/motivation would be to determine the maximum-entropy distribution for the flow (Wu, col. 4, lines 42-54).

8. **Claims 23-24, 34-35** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0227871 A1 to *Hsu et al. ("Hsu")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,790 B1 to *Wu et al.* ("*Wu*") and in further view of U.S. Publication No. 2004/0184477 A1 to *Tavli et al. ("Tavli")*.

As to claim 23, *Hsu and Wu* further disclose a mean rate (Wu, col. 4, lines 1-9, mean rate).

Hsu and Wu does not expressly disclose the method of claim 19, wherein the parameter includes a length of the ON periods and wherein the parameter of the length of the ON periods is the mean time of ON periods.

Tavli discloses the average data burst duration, T_DB, which is the average length of a data burst (i.e., average duration of a speech burst, m_s), T_S, the average silence time between data bursts (i.e., average gap duration, m_g), (para. 0068).

Hsu, Wu and *Tavli* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate T_DB and T_S as taught by Tavli into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide an energy-efficient technique for selective listening on a network (Tavli, para. 0010).

As to claim 24, *Hsu and Wu* further disclose a mean rate (Wu, col. 4, lines 1-9, mean rate).

Hsu and Wu does not expressly disclose the method of claim 19, wherein the parameter includes a length of the OFF periods and wherein the parameter of the length of the OFF periods is the mean time of ON periods.

Tavli discloses the average data burst duration, T_DB, which is the average length of a data burst (i.e., average duration of a speech burst, m_s), T_S, the average silence time between data bursts (i.e., average gap duration, m_g), (para. 0068).

Hsu, Wu and *Tavli* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate T_DB and T_S as taught by Tavli into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide an energy-efficient technique for selective listening on a network (Tavli, para. 0010).

As to claim 34, *Hsu and Wu* further disclose a mean rate (Wu, col. 4, lines 1-9, mean rate).

Hsu and Wu does not expressly disclose the node of claim 32, wherein the parameters include a length of the ON periods and wherein the parameters of the length of the ON periods is the mean time of ON periods.

Tavli discloses the average data burst duration, T_DB, which is the average length of a data burst (i.e., average duration of a speech burst, m_s), T_S, the average silence time between data bursts (i.e., average gap duration, m_g), (para. 0068).

Hsu, Wu and *Tavli* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate T_DB and T_S as taught by Tavli into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide an energy-efficient technique for selective listening on a network (Tavli, para. 0010).

As to claim 35, *Hsu and Wu* further disclose a mean rate (Wu, col. 4, lines 1-9, mean rate).

Hsu and Wu does not expressly disclose the method of claim 32, wherein the parameters include a length of the OFF periods and wherein the parameter of the length of the OFF periods is the mean time of ON periods.

Tavli discloses the average data burst duration, T_DB, which is the average length of a data burst (i.e., average duration of a speech burst, m_s), T_S, the average silence time between data bursts (i.e., average gap duration, m_g), (para. 0068).

Hsu, Wu and *Tavli* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate T_DB and T_S as taught by Tavli into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to provide an energy-efficient technique for selective listening on a network (Tavli, para. 0010).

9. **Claim 26** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0227871 A1 to *Hsu et al. ("Hsu")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,790 B1 to *Wu et al.* ("*Wu*") and in further view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0034166 A1 to *Barany et al. ("Barany")*.

As to claim 26, *Hsu and Wu* further discloses the method of claim 19, wherein nodes are routers (Hsu, fig. 2, para. 0038-0040, at each intermediate node the RSVP process passes the request to admission control).

Hsu and Wu does not expressly disclose of a Terrestrial Radio Access Network of a Universal Mobile Telecommunications Network (UTRAN).

Barany discloses a radio access network is UTRAN and packet-switched (i.e. routed) call control signals such as RSVP are used (para. 0051).

Hsu, Wu and *Barany* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the UTRAN using RSVP as taught by Barany into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to establish a packet-switched call in a wireless network by sending an identifier to identify the call as a

packet-switched call and communicating control signaling in traffic channels of the wireless network (Barany, para. 0010).

10. **Claim 29** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0227871 A1 to *Hsu et al. ("Hsu")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,790 B1 to *Wu et al.* ("*Wu*") and in further view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0160785 A1 to *Ovesjo et al. ("Ovesjo")*.

As to claim 29, *Hsu and Wu* does not expressly disclose the system of claim 28, wherein the reservation initiator (RI) is a base station controller and the reservation receiver (RR) is a radio network controller of the packet switched network.

Ovesjo further discloses the BSC sending a handover required message to the core network (BSC is the initiator), which then sends a relocation request message to t-RNC, which then reserves radio resources (RNC is reservation receiver) (fig. 3, items 3-2 to 3-5, para. 0038-0039).

Hsu, Wu and *Ovesjo* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the BSC sending a handover required message to the core network, which then sends a relocation request message to t-RNC, which then reserves radio resources as taught by Ovesjo into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to have an inter-RAT handover procedure triggered by the BSC (Ovesjo, para. 0038).

11. **Claim 30** is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Publication No. 2003/0227871 A1 to *Hsu et al. ("Hsu")* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,707,790 B1 to *Wu et al.* ("*Wu*") and in further view of WO 00/62572 to *Willars*.

As to claim 30, *Hsu and Wu* does not expressly disclose the system of claim 28, wherein the reservation initiator (RI) is a radio network controller and the reservation receiver (RR) is a base station controller of the packet switched network.

Willars discloses RNC requests a DCH set up, and BSC receives this request (fig. 5A).

Hsu, Wu and *Willars* are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor regarding data communications.

At the time of invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to incorporate the RNC requests a DCH set up, and BSC receives this request as taught by Willars into the invention of Hsu and Wu. The suggestion/motivation would have been to for the base station controller to reserve and set up the necessary dedicated channel processing resources at the base station (Willars, page 10, lines 12-13).

Conclusion

12. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to OMAR GHOWRWAL whose telephone number is (571)270-5691. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-5:00pm est..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derrick Ferris can be reached on (571)272-3123. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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